

LEVELS OF SERVICE

- LOS A - represents free-flow. Vehicles can maneuver within the traffic stream and easily maintain the posted speed limit.
- LOS B - represents a stable flow. A spatial separation of vehicles allows easy maneuverability, and drivers can maintain the posted speed.
- LOS C - is still stable traffic flow, but maneuverability and speeds are more restricted with higher traffic volumes. The drivers are more restricted in their freedom to select their speeds and change lanes or pass.
- LOS D - approaches unstable flow. Temporary restrictions to the traffic flow may cause substantial drops in the operating speed, the drivers have little freedom to maneuver to pass, and the comfort and convenience of the driver are lowered. Drivers usually tolerate this condition for short periods of time.
- LOS E - represents the capacity of the facility. The traffic flow is unstable, vehicles are unable to pass, there may be momentary stoppages in the traffic flow, and the vehicle operating speeds are very low.
- LOS F - describes a forced flow condition usually with low operating speeds and traffic volumes that are below capacity. This is often described as stop-and-go conditions.

